"THE WILD SPREE OF '83," which was Camas' 50th anniversary celebration, in 1933, was made to order for a fellow like Bob Gaines and his healthy-looking mutton chop sideburns. The anniversary celebration was dreamed up as a bootstrap exercise in lifting community morale following the opening of the banks and the beginnings of recovery from the Depression.

CAMAS First National Bank, shown here about the time of "The Wild Spree of '83" (in 1933), was located at the corner of NE 4th and Adams. The bank later transferred its branch to Vancouver. The building, later known as the Urie building, also housed Bilby's Restaurant for a time. A parking lot now occupies the site.

GAINES SERVICE STATION, started in 1926, is one of Camas' first gasoline service stations. Still owned by Gaines, it is leased to a cut-rate gasoline retailer. The station is at the corner of 3rd and Adams.

GAINES struck a jaunty figure on his mare in 1918, when he was delivering mail to residents of the Prune Hill community.